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In re Application of

Gambino et al.

Serial No.: 09/756,177

Filed: January 9, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2811

Examiner: Vu, Hung K.

For: FLASH MEMORY STRUCTURE USING SIDEWALL FLOATING GATE AND
METHOD FOR FORMING THE SAME

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND RESTRICTION
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2002, please consider the following:

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I (e.g., drawn to a semiconductor device as defined by claims 5-11), without traverse. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected invention later.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary.
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any
overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Dear Examiner Vu:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of this date, attached is a copy of the Response to First Office Action and Restriction Requirement filed on January 27, 2003, along with the dated-stamped post card receipt in the above-referenced case.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if I can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

Annette

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Enclosure

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